

# Sunday December 7, 2025 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Our parish weekly bulletin continues to be available digitally on our parish website: [www.stbenedicts.ca](http://www.stbenedicts.ca)

WEEKLY BULLETIN

## Schedule for Advent Reconciliation Christmas Mass & Eucharistic Adoration during Christmas

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

CONFESSIONS ARE NOT SCHEDULED ON CHRISTMAS EVE OR DAY  
Kindly plan your confession on or before December 23

Tuesday December 9 7:00 pm (before 7:30 pm Mass)  
Friday December 12 during Visitation (7:00 pm-8:30 pm)  
Saturday December 13 4:30 pm (before 5:00 pm Mass)  
Tuesday December 16 7:00 pm (before 7:30 pm Mass)  
Saturday December 20 4:30 pm (before 5:00 pm Mass)  
Tuesday December 23 8:30 am-11:30 am & 5:00 pm-9 pm

Or by appointment: call 416-743-3830 X0

### Wednesday December 24

Daily Mass 8:00 am

Adoration Chapel: Closes 8:00 am

Christmas Eve Masses

5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 12 midnight

With Carol sing-along 30 minutes prior to each Mass

### Thursday December 25

Christmas Day Masses

8:00 am, 9:30 am Italian in church,

9:30 am English in hall, 11:00 am, 12:45 pm

Adoration Chapel: Opens 2:00 pm

### Sunday December 28

Feast of the Holy Family

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

### Wednesday December 31

Daily Mass 8:00 am

Mary, Mother of God Mass: 5:00 pm

Adoration Chapel: Closes 8:00 am

Eucharistic Adoration in Church: 9:00 pm-11:00 pm

### Thursday January 1

Mary, Mother of God Masses

8:00 am, 9:30 am Italian in church,

9:30 am English in hall, 11:00 am, 12:45 pm

Adoration Chapel: Opens 2:00 pm

### Sunday January 4

Epiphany of our Lord

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

### Sunday January 11

Baptism of the Lord Mass

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule



## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Mass: Monday December 8 / 8 am & 7:30 pm

Mary, in her Immaculate Conception, is a constant sign of hope and joy. It is possible to become a great saint; not because of anything we have done or merited, but because of what Jesus Christ has done and what He has merited. The Immaculate Conception teaches us that the redemption accomplished by Jesus Christ is infinitely fruitful.

## THE VISITATION

Friday December 12

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

St. Benedict Church

Come with your family.

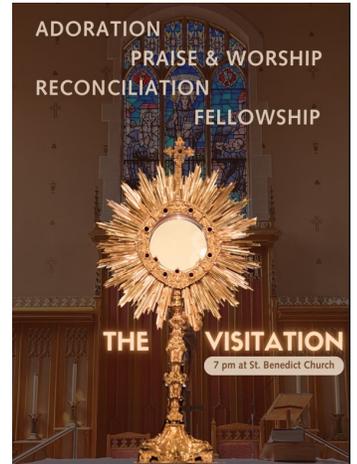
Invite friends.

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month  
from October - May

Inquires: email to

[salesianym.toronto@gmail.com](mailto:salesianym.toronto@gmail.com)

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## COME LET US WORSHIP

YOU ARE INVITED  
TO A  
MULTI-CULTURAL  
CHRISTMAS  
9-DAY NOVENA MASS  
AT

ST. BENEDICT PARISH  
DECEMBER 15 - 23, 2025  
7:30 PM

The Christmas Novena is adapted from the Filipino tradition called 'Simbang Gabi' introduced by the Spanish missionaries in 1600 to honor Mary, the Mother of God.

Dec 15 (Mo) - BLD Mission Ministry (Filipino)  
Dec 16 (Tu) - Kelechi, Filomena & Filipino Friends  
Dec 17 (We) - St Benedict 11:00am Sunday Choir  
Dec 18 (Th) - BLD Singles Ministry (Filipino)  
Dec 19 (Fr) - St Benedict 8:00am Sunday Choir  
Dec 20 (Sa) - Our Lady of Victory Filipino Choir  
Dec 21 (Su) - Couples for Christ (Filipino)  
Dec 22 (Mo) - St Benedict 9:30 Sunday Italian Choir  
Dec 23 (Tu) - St Andrew Filipino Choir



## Come! Come to the Manger! Christmas Concert

With the Musicians and Choirs of St. Benedict Parish  
Special Guest Choir from Good Shepherd Chaldean Cathedral  
St. Benedict Church  
December 14 / 6:30 pm

Free Will Offering  
Reception to Follow

Parishioners are invited to bring easy to serve savoury or sweet finger foods: sliced pizza, samosa, munchies, cookies, cake, etc.

Bring your homemade  
or store bought goodies  
to the hall from 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm  
on December 14.

Label your platter with your name and  
number if you'd like it back.  
Hot and cold beverages provided.

Contact Janet if you are available  
to help with set up or clean-up.

Janet: 416-201-0780 /  
[jhuitema@sympatico.ca](mailto:jhuitema@sympatico.ca)



## Sunday December 7, 2025 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent



**Our parish goal for this year's campaign is \$66,000**

Your contribution to ShareLife will be matched dollar-for-dollar!

NEW: Your gift will double in value! From November 3 until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000.

As we approach the end of the year, your loving support is crucial, as ShareLife-funded agencies strive to bring hope and relief to those facing their most challenging times. Jesus speaks to us through our brothers and sisters in need (cf. Mt 25:31-45). In every gift we give to them, there is a reflection of God's love. Your sacrificial gift this Advent can provide essential support and comfort to those in desperate need, showing them that they are not alone during trying times.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).



Our faith community welcomes

**Gabriella Marie Norman  
Aurora Leon Hernandez  
Antonella Leon Hernandez  
Eve Shannon Flanagan**

*I have called you by name, you are mine. Is 43:1*

### The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul **Toy Weekend** December 13 / 14



**For Children up to 12 years old**  
A Donation of a New Unwrapped Toy

**For Teenagers 13 & 14 years old**  
Gift Certificate with the value clearly indicated

Please leave all gifts in front of the altar before or after mass

To ensure gifts are collected for all age groups,  
please provide them according to the following guideline:

| <u>Surname starting with</u> | <u>Age Group (Boys/Girls)</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| E, F, G, H                   | Infants - 4 Years             |
| I, J, K, L                   | 5 - 6 Years                   |
| M, N, O, P                   | 7 - 8 Years                   |
| Q, R, S, T, U                | 9 - 10 Years                  |
| V, W, X, Y, Z                | 11 - 12 Years                 |
| A, B, C, D                   | 13 - 14 Years                 |

**All donations are gratefully appreciated!**

### Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering (envs & loose only): **\$5,918**

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!



### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

To request a mass intention, contact the parish office:  
[office@stbenedicts.ca](mailto:office@stbenedicts.ca) / 416-743-3830 X0

#### Monday, December 8

8:00am Luigi Aquino by Di Felice family  
7:30pm Immaculate Conception Mass

#### Tuesday, December 9

8:00am Peter Thuc Nguyen by Thiep Phuono Nguyen  
7:30pm Maria Colavecchia by Anna Petrecca

#### Wednesday, December 10

8:00am Living Intention for our Salesian Priests by anonymous

#### Thursday, December 11

8:00am Edgardo Gargoles by Mely, Emely & Eymard Gargoles

#### Friday, December 12

8:00am Susan Almonte by Paties family

#### Saturday, December 13

8:00am Fr. Joseph Occhio SDB by Salesians of Don Bosco  
5:00pm Susan Almonte by Aldo & Marisa D'Andrea

#### Sunday, December 14

8:00am Maria & Pawel Hubert by Bzoma family  
9:30am Deceased members of the Italian Choir & families  
by Italian Choir (Ital/Ch)  
9:30am Giuseppe Toso by Maria Toso & family (Eng/Hall)  
11:00am For the People  
12:45pm Fr. Joseph Occhio SDB by Stefania Fantin

## REJOICE!

**St. Michael's Choir School Christmas Concert**  
**Massey Hall - Saturday, December 13 at 7 PM**

St. Michael's Choir School presents REJOICE!  
Jubilee Celebration - 60 Years at Massey Hall!

This year's Christmas concert marks a sacred milestone in the life of St. Michael's Choir School and our wider community. As we celebrate six decades of music in this historic space, we embrace the spirit of the Jubilee Year - a time of hope, renewal, and joy in Christ's birth. Let this evening be a song of gratitude for the past, a proclamation of joy in the present, and a prayerful step into the future.

Tickets are now available at [www.masseyhall.com](http://www.masseyhall.com).  
Please use Promo Code: STARLIGHT or ticket information, please call the Massey Hall Box Office at 416-872-4255.

### 2026 SUNDAY ENVELOPES SORTED IN NUMERICAL ORDER.

Please pick up your boxed set as soon as possible in the Church. The use of these envelopes is an excellent way of supporting your parish on a regular basis and also ensures that a receipt for tax purposes is available at the end of the year.

**Do NOT use these new envelopes until the New Year.**  
**In January 2026, ALL remaining envelopes from 2025 and prior years should be DISCARDED.**